

## ABOUT INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES.

JANESVILLE, Jan. 14.  
Mr. Editor—I read on Saturday with considerable interest your article on municipal indebtedness. But it seems to me that there is a remedy for the evils which are so powerful in crushing many cities in the east as well as in the west, and that is, the people must take the matter in their own hands and elect honest and capable men to the Common Council. In the administration of the government of cities, we could throw politics to the dogs, we could elect men regardless of party, the wrongs which now burden many cities, will be lifted from the people.

C. P. R.  
Admitting that there is a radical evil in the manner in which members of Common Councils are elected, it is idle to speak of reform. Theoretically it is pleasant to talk about throwing partisanship to the dogs, and electing men for city offices regardless of their politics. The result of this, politically speaking, would be to turn the city into a Democratic and "Solid" city for the Republicans. Did our correspondent ever know of a municipal election in Janesville or in any other city, at which the Democratic party—having a fair chance to elect one of their own members to any office from the Mayor down to the sealer of weights and measures—voluntarily join hands with Republicans and elect one of the latter because he was more capable and honest than one of their own? All this talk about surrendering party ties in local elections means in nineteen cases out of twenty, a surrender of the field to the Democratic party.

Fortunately Janesville has not been cursed by extravagant Common Councils, but there has been too little interest taken in the selection of the members of that body, and in this respect probably both parties are to blame. It has come to pass that some of the best business men—men of years of experience and of practical ideas who could render the city valuable service, will not contend for the office of Alderman. We find those on every square who are willing to expend more than the office is worth, for a seat in the Legislature, while they ignore the importance of an aldermanic position. It requires equally as capable a man, one with just as keen perception, broad common sense, and business ability, to do good work in a Common Council, as it does in a man who sits in the Assembly. If there are any odds, they should be in favor of the alderman, as his position enables him to get his hand further down in the pockets of the people, than can any member of the Legislature. This increase of the municipal indebtedness of this country from less than 400 millions in 1866 to over one billion in 1876, gives an illustration of the mighty power of municipal authorities in burdening the people with debt and taxation.

## STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

The State Journal of Monday evening contains an editorial headed "Let us Stand Shoulder to Shoulder," which is an appeal to Republicans to be united in the determination that there shall be no quarrel between the President and the people. After giving a lengthy quotation from the New York Tribune which says the country is sick, and the people tired of political wrangling, the Journal concludes: "Now let the Republican party move forward united, strong in a just cause." There is a good deal of fascination about that kind of language, but when we go to the root of this evil—the cause which divorced the President from a very large and respectable number of the Republican party, as well as from a large majority of the members of both houses of Congress we find the blame does not lie wholly at the door of the President's Republican opponents. To the minds of many thousands of Republicans the President has made many serious mistakes—mistakes which can hardly be called accidental. In his blind devotion to his Southern Policy he has put his heels on the necks of patriotic Southern Republicans, and at the same time extended the Olive branch of peace with a good office, to ex-confederates. In his zeal to purify the Civil Service he has displaced men of character, experience and trustworthiness, against whom not a single charge could be brought, to accommodate either Mr. Ervins or some Southern Democratic Senator. Republicans who have the interest of the party at heart, and above all, who want to see justice administered, don't like that kind of Civil Service, and hence differ with Mr. Hayes. These are the causes of the country's sick stomach, and all this "political wrangling." The Republicans believe there is a distinction "between right and wrong, between patriotism and treason, between a Union man and a rebel, and between a Republican and a Democrat." The moment Mr. Hayes understands these distinctions and frames his administration accordingly, there will be no quarrel between the President and the Republican party.

## FROM MR. PARKER.

BELOIT, Jan. 12.  
Mr. Editor—My attention has been called to your sketch of the members of the Assembly from Rock county as published in your issue of Thursday, January 10, wherein you place me as the oldest member of the Assembly. You are excusable as I have seen the same assertion in several papers and also in the Beloit Free Press of this week. But really, I do not wish to care of any honor I am not justly entitled to, and I find that Brother Stark, from the other district in Rock county, can beat me by four years—being 67, and I feel bad, as I am only 63. Now as I cannot go in for the prize on age I am intending to press my claims for ability.

CHAS. H. PARKER.

We gladly make this correction, and award to Mr. Stark the honor of being the "venerable" member of the Assembly. The Madison Democrat misled us in regard to the ages of some of the members of the honorable one hundred. In the statistical list published a few days ago we notice that our personal friend Ed. Coo, is burdened with the weight of 87 years. We

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## FROM MADISON.

Special dispatch to the Janesville Gazette.

Madison, Jan. 15.—A resolution was adopted inviting the resident clergy to open the morning sessions with prayer. Bills were presented requiring the school land commissioners to furnish the county clerks information relative to the status of the State lands in the several counties. In the Assembly bills were introduced to encourage the draining of lead-bearing mineral lands; for providing for payment of wages in lawful money of the United States; for the division of Clark and Marathon counties and organizing the county of Forest; to appeal the law relative to estates in dower; to divide the town of Wrightstown and create the town of Greenleaf, Brown county; to establish and maintain a public library in Milwaukee; relating to the Young Men's Association Milwaukee; relative to the payment of delinquent taxes in Milwaukee; relative to school months; regulating the license of peddlers; a resolution for the enlargement of the supreme court room was adopted.

In the Assembly a memorial to Congress for a breakwater and improvement of the harbor at Sturgeon Bay.

A bill was introduced abolishing the office of Railroad Commissioner.

The following are the standing committees in the Assembly:

Judiciary—Warner, Potter, Peters, Jones, Pope, Kelly, Pierce.

Ways and Means—Parker, Dexter, Graham, Hamilton, Luchsenger.

Federal Relations—Ford, William Fitzgerald, H. Smith, Carter, Darwin.

Education—Jonas, Burnham, McGinty, Kelly, Ellis.

Railroads—Keogh, Parker, Condit, Nash Johnson, McFetridge, Hurlbert, Bullock, Jones.

Insurance, Banks and Banking—Johnson, Deek, King, Ingham and Clark.

State Affairs—Wall, Haight, Lyle, Hyde, Kimball.

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Incorporations—Potter, Vitz, Holzner, Guernsey, Anderson.

Assessment and Collection of Taxes—Kickbusch, Dow, McCoy, Guernsey, Gray.

Lumber and Manufactories—Arnold, Tisch, Mehan, Ellenwood, Knapp.

Public Improvements—Jewell, Burns, Millard, P. M. Smith, Mitchell.

Militia—Steffen, Malloway, Thornton, Woodward, Rusk.

Agriculture—Ball, Ellefson, Rice, Thomas, Aldrich.

Town and County Organizations—Condit, Fisch, Cheves, Bryant, Funke.

Roads and Bridges—Bow, Coughlin, Langenfeldt, Rice, Baker, Pemberton.

State Lands—Weaver, Nason, Rogers, Ingram, Hill.

Medical Societies—Poste, Muscovitz, Shepard, Stark.

Legislative Expenditures—McCoy, Wall, James Fitzgerald, Barrett, Wood.

Edgrosed, Bills—Thornton, Scollard, Graham, Hawks, Hawn.

Enrolled Bills—Flynn, Werts, Burns, Miner, Senn.

Joint Committee Claims—Chever, Nehan, Bower, Arnold, Jones.

Charitable and Penal Institutions—Beasley, Dexter, Swon, Briggs, Lyle.

Printing—Nash, Keoh, Coe.

## UTAH.

The Mormons Control the Territorial Legislature.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 14.—The Utah Territorial Legislature met and organized this afternoon. Lorenzo Snow was elected President of the Council, and Orson Pratt Speaker of the House—both members of the Twelve Apostles. All but three of the members are Polygamists, and most of the members Mormon bishops. The Governor's messages will be sent to them tomorrow.

## COLONIZATION.

The Florida Colored People and Emigration—A Letter from the President.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The colored people of Florida have given considerable attention to the subject of improving their condition by emigrating from the country. An organization of 5,000 has been effected, and the Rev. Mr. Starks has been sent by them to investigate the advantages of Hayti and San Domingo. He has obtained a great deal of information, but has been undecided as to what was best for the colored men to do. He had an interview with the President today, and laid the situation before him. The President embodied his views on the question in a brief letter to Mr. Starks, of which the following is a copy:

Executive, Madison, Jan. 14, 1878. The Rev. Mr. Starks, Dear Sir—I have given some consideration to your question as to the emigration of colored people from Florida to San Domingo. I am not well informed as the advantages offered by San Domingo to immigrants, but my impression is that your people should not be hasty in deciding to leave this country. The mere difference in climate is a very serious objection to removal. The first generation in all such removals suffer greatly. It is my opinion, also, that the evils which now affect you are likely to persist, and I hope, rapidly to diminish. My advice is therefore against the proposed emigration.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HAYES.

## POSTAL SAVINGS.

Secretary Sherman's Bill Concerning Four-per Cent Bonds and Postal Orders.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Secretary Sherman is preparing a bill to facilitate the sale of 4 per cent bonds directly to the people, and to authorize the issue of postal orders free of expense to depositors, and the conversion of such orders into 4 per cent bonds. The details of this bill have not yet been arranged, but it is understood that some of its general features will be as follows: The Postmaster General is authorized to issue postal orders on sums of \$10 and multiples thereof without expense to depositors. Such postal orders are to bear interest in currency at the rate of 3.65 per cent. per annum, and are to be convertible into 4 per cent bonds at the option of holders. In converting postal orders into bonds the former are to be computed at their value in gold. It is also proposed to incorporate in the bill a section authorizing national banks to retain postal savings issued in pursuance of the proposed law, and count them as a sort of the reserve now required to be held by them under the existing law.

## WATERTOWN.

A Six Thousand Dollar Fire Last Night.

Watertown, Wis., Jan. 15.—A fire which occurred at half past 11 o'clock to-night destroyed the frame elevator warehouse of John Betz, situated at the track of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, near the depot, and the frame eating-house adjoining, owned by Mrs. C. Sner, and occupied by Louis Street. Two cars belonging to the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company loaded with coal and lumber owned by Hamlin & Ford, were also destroyed. The contents of the warehouse, consisting chiefly of barley, were consumed. The total loss by the fire is probably between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Betz had an insurance of \$2,000 on grain, in the Franklin and Pennsylvania Fire. Mrs. Sner's building was insured in the Atlas, of Hartford, for \$800.

## ST. PAUL.

The Chamber of Commerce Wants the Time Extended for Building the Northern Pacific—Business Statistics.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 14.—The Chamber of Commerce to-day adopted a memorial to Congress favoring the extension of the time for building the Northern Pacific.

The Chamber of Commerce business statistics of St. Paul for 1877 give the following totals: Retail houses, 842, employing 2,474 persons; aggregate sales, \$290,635, wholesale houses, 265, employing 1,249 persons; aggregate sales, \$27,815,072; manufacturing establishments, 229, employing 2,227 persons; value of articles manufactured, \$4,991,057; imports by rail and river, \$3,935,000; exports, \$47,281,000; banks' average daily balances, \$3,943,573; average daily deposits, \$4,197,655; exchange sold, \$34,598,478.

## COINAGE.

Work Before the House Committee on Coinage.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, to-day referred the bill introduced last week by Mr. Cox, of New York, providing for the coinage of five-cent pieces of standard silver, and the discontinuance of coinage of nickel and copper pieces, to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Marsh, Clark, of Kentucky, and Ryan. On Thursday next the full committee will hear Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, in regard to the coinage of the silver dollar, and other matters.

## JAILED.

An Iowa Murderer Gives Himself Up at Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 14.—William Martin, who stabbed and instantly killed a young man named Frank Briggs, in a Washington Township, this county, in the early part of December last, came to Council Bluffs last evening and voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities. He is now in jail.

## DECIDED.

An Important Decision From the U. S. District Court.

Madison, Jan. 13.—In the United States District Court yesterday, an important decision was rendered in the case brought by Grod Mason, assignee for Hale & Whitney, against W. J. Clifford, of Stevens Point. In May last the planing mill of E. M. Copps was burned, together with \$150,000 worth of lumber, \$90,000 of which was set on fire by sparks from defendant's mill. This was a test case, some \$40,000 more being involved in other suits. Judge Bunn to-day instructed the jury to render a verdict in favor of Clifford. This virtually disposes of the other suits.

## UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

A Chicago Ordinance Declared Void by Judge McAllister.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Judge McAllister this morning decided unconstitutional and void the ordinance adopted by the city council to compel fruit dealers to sell only aliquot parts of a bushel and only an honest quality of fruit, similar throughout, not ripe and fair on top and green and gnarly beneath the surface.

## Capt. Robert H. Parrott.

Early in the civil war a new system of rifled ordnance was introduced into the military and naval service, and before the rebellion was over Parrott guns and projectiles were more conspicuous, perhaps, both at the front and in the peaceful cities and cities of the north, than any other known material of modern warfare. This new kind of ordnance was first used at the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. From that time until the closing operations of the war before Mobile these guns were conspicuously and successfully used by both army and navy. In Gen. Gilmore's operations against Fort Sumter and Charleston, S. C., in 1863, one of these guns—39-pounder—was fired from Cumming's battery 4,000 times before bursting, and generally at 40 degrees elevation, with charges of three and three-quarters pounds of powder. 3,253 reached the city of Charleston, a distance of not less than four miles. This was considered the most noted instance of endurance of cannon ordnance. Recently Capt. Robert H. Parrott the inventor of the celebrated gun, died suddenly of heart disease at Cold Spring, N. Y., in the seventy-second year of his age. Though a

graduate of military academy, the deceased was not connected with the army for over forty years. He was born in New Hampshire, from which State he was appointed to West Point in July, 1820. He graduated No. 1 in a class of 31 in 1824, and was promoted in the army to be brevet second lieutenant in the First artillery, receiving his full commission in the Third artillery immediately afterward. For some time he was on duty at the military academy as one of the assistant professors. In 1829–31 he was on garrison duty at Fort Constitution, New Hampshire, during which time he was commissioned as first lieutenant. He was on staff duty in the operations against the Creek Nation in the early part of 1836, and later in the year was an assistant in the Ordnance Bureau at Washington. In January, 1836, he was promoted to be captain of ordnance, and in October of that year resigned from the service.—N. Y. Times.

## A Historical Mansion

The old Livingston mansion, near Barrytown, which was burned last week, Saturday, and a history. The estate, comprising 400 acres, was purchased after the revolution by the widow of Gen. Montgomery, and a fine mansion overlooking the Hudson was erected. It was named "Montgomery Place" in honor of the patriot. Mrs. Montgomery's maiden name was Janet Livingston. She was the eldest child of Judge Robert H. Livingston, and a sister of our ancestor Livingston and Edward Livingston. In 1818, when the remains of Gen. Montgomery were brought from Quebec and deposited in St. Paul's churchyard, New York, the widow stood on the front piazza of her house and saw the vessel go by; and when a salute was fired she fell into a swoon. She had no children, and when she died in 1827, the mansion was bequeathed to her brother, Edward, and passed into the hands of his only daughter; and when the house took fire it was occupied by members of her family.

## Beecher Listens to His Own Sermons.

Spite of the old axiom about self-praise, many are of opinion that the world is apt to take a man at his own valuation. If that be true, there is a church dignitary in embryo somewhere in the young deacon whose examining Bishop felt it requisite to send for the clergyman recommending him for ordination, in order to tell him to keep that young man in check; adding, by way of explanation: "I had the greatest difficulty, sir, to prevent him examining me." This not-to-be-bashed candidate for clerical honors promises to be as worthy of the cloth as the American minister who treated his village congregation to one of Mr. Beecher's sermons, unaware that the popular Brooklyn preacher made one of his hearers. Accosting him after service, Mr. Beecher said: "That was a fair discourse; how long did it take you to write it?" "Oh, I tossed it off one evening," was the reply.

"Indeed," said Mr. Beecher. "Well, it took me much longer than that to think out the framework of that sermon." "Are you Henry Ward Beecher?" asked the sermon-stealer.

"I am," said that gentleman.

"Well, then," said the other, not in the least disconcerted, "all I have to say is that I ain't ashamed to preach one of your sermons anywhere."

—N. Y. World.

## A New Breed of Cats.

In the little manufacturing village of Quebec, Vt., has arrived a new breed of cats that certainly ought to be represented at the cat show. Last spring they made their first appearance.











## BRIEFLETS.

—Don't grumble.  
—Wanted—a snow storm. Apply at this office.  
—Keep the boys off the streets or they will get on the town.  
—Poultry is so cheap that it don't pay now to rob a hen-roost.  
—Some of the merchants are already ordering their spring supply of seeds. Too many seeds in town now.  
—The directors of the shoe factory held another meeting to-day, but transacted no business of public interest.  
—The Opera House was comfortably warm last evening. The weather is to be congratulated rather than the furnace.  
—The city fathers will put their venerable heads together to-night in a careful council concerning the community's comfort.  
—One of Bub's brewery teams took a run down River street to-day followed closely by a pair of whiffletrees, which were finally distanced in the race. No time taken.  
—The stockholders of the cotton factory are in annual session this afternoon at the court house. The balloting for directors had not been completed at time of going to press.

—The funeral services of Miss Susie M. London elder daughter of Mr. Mayhew London, will be held at the residence No. 30 West Bluff street to-morrow morning at half-past 10 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Sawin conducting the same.

—The gravel gang struck for better clothes to-day, and refused to handle their shovels unless they could first induce in a dress parade. The Sheriff not being hired to keep a clothing store, hurried them to the pit, except one who proved so obstinate that he was put in the dark cell.

—The Mutual Improvement Club held an interesting meeting last evening, following the programs given in last evening's Gazette. The press of other matter prevents the giving of as full a mention as the character of the entertainment merited. It was most commendable to all who participated.

—Mrs. S. C. Little is showing commendable enterprise in providing healthful entertainments for the students of the Institution for the Blind. She has arranged to furnish them another treat this evening, by securing the presence of Rev. Jenk L. Jones who will lecture to them on "The Cost of an Idea." The lecture is one of the Reverend's best.

—The many friends of Prof. Titcomb have been from time to time urging him strongly to shake from off his feet the dust of Iowa City, and again take up his sojourn in Janesville. He has finally concluded to do so, and will resume his musical duties here about the first of March. This will be a joyous new-coming to his former pupils and his numerous friends and admirers, as well as to the community generally. As a musical artist he has few superiors, and as a citizen he has always shown a commendable interest in all that concerns the public welfare.

—A farmer, whose name is withheld for the sake of his family, slipped into Bennett's hardware store yesterday, and under the pretext of examining some axes, managed to slip one under his coat. The property was soon missed and chase given. His wagon was overhauled and the missing axe resurrected from the straw. He claimed that he bought the axe at another store, but on being confronted by the man he claimed to have bought it of, owned that his story was pure fiction, and driving back to the store where he fished the axe, he paid for it like a little man. He says it was the first time he had tried such a job, and promised future good behavior, whereupon he was allowed to go in peace.

## THE WEATHER.

At 7 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 20 degrees above and at 1 o'clock 27 degrees above. Cloudy. One year ago to-day the thermometer indicated at corresponding hours 8 degrees and 15 degrees above, accompanied by a severe snow storm. The reports from other sections to-day show that the thermometer stood lowest at midnight, at Denver, where it indicated 8 degrees above, and highest at Grand Haven, where it reached 38 degrees. A heavy rain is reported throughout California.

## SWORN IN.

The Knights of Honor held a night of honor last evening, it being the installation of the following newly-named officers: Rev. J. W. Sanderson, Dictator, H. C. Stearns, Vice-Dictator, Isaac Farnsworth, Asst. Dictator, A. H. Sheldon, Post Dictator, Stanley Smith, Reporter, J. B. Doe, Jr., Financial Reporter, H. F. Bliss, Treasurer, Silas Hayner, Guide, G. M. Hanchett, Guardian, J. L. Ford, Sentinel.

Mr. John P. Williams, District Deputy Grand Dictator conducted the installation. The order is in a very flourishing condition now, and numbers about fifty members, to which roll additions are being made quite rapidly.

## CLOTHES THE NAKED.

A letter has been received from Mrs. P. M. Wright, a trustworthy and reliable lady in Wrights Town, Minn., setting forth the pitiable condition of many of the people in that community. The famine caused by the consciences grasshoppers is now stayed, and many can get work enough to keep their families from starving, but very many, especially women and children, are needing clothes, they not being able to secure them. Another year will put them on their feet, and they will then be able to provide for themselves. Those of our citizens here, who have any kind of old clothes, no matter how coarse or old fashioned, will do a most worthy act by bundling them up and taking them to the residence of Mrs. Rogers, on South Jackson street near the Congregational church, where they will be boxed and forwarded. A little thoughtfulness and a little exertion will doubtless stay much suffering and probably save the lives of some of these needy ones. A hint to the generous ones of Janesville will doubtless suffice.

## FAMILY QUINANCES.

A son-in-law and a father-in-law got even with each other a few evenings ago. The former found at his tea-table a chair occupied by his little sister-in-law, and he proceeded to fill her up with the best on the board. When she started for home he sent her a jocular bill, charging his father-in-law seventy-five cents for the girl's supper, and asking him to remit. He squatted himself by his fireside, toasted his shins, chuckled merrily at the good joke, and awaited a reply. It came. It saw him one better. It conquered. A messenger speedily appeared and presented a counter bill charging the son-in-law, at the same rate, for dinner for his wife, mother, and boy, adding a dime for extra milk for the latter, making a total of \$2.35, and asking that the balance, after deducting the six shillings for the supper, should be remitted. On making inquiries of his wife he found that they had "happened in" that afternoon, and had partaken of a meal, and that the bill was therefore correct. He settled. He has now sworn off, and won't lay any more claims to his father-in-law's wallet, unless sure there are no counter-bills. He can't help but feel though that the old gentleman was a little too close when he charged a grandson for a drink of milk.

## THE FIRE LADS.

The election of officers of the Fire Department occurred last evening. It was conducted with becoming harmony, and the favored candidates will step into their new places under most auspicious circumstances. It is gratifying that such unanimity of opinion seems manifest in the department. There were fifty votes cast, divided as follows: Washington Engine Company No. 1, 10; Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, 11; Hook and Ladder Company No. 3, 11; Engineers 3. The election resulted in the unanimous choice of the following: W. T. Vankirk, of the Sack Company, President; Thomas Mahon, of Hook and Ladder Company, Vice President; John Kelly, of Washington Engine Company, Treasurer; James Shearer, of Hook and Ladder Company, Collector. The contest for the Secretaryship was somewhat more animated, their being two candidates in the field; John F. Ehrlinger, of Washington No. 1, and M. A. Norris, of Water Witch, No. 2. Both were general favorites, and the choice between them was one difficult to make. The ballot resulted however in the choice of J. F. Ehrlinger, by a vote of 23 to 22. Messrs. John Sligham and R. J. Richardson acted as tellers. The effectiveness of the department will doubtless continue to increase.

## CHARMING CHARLOTTE.

Miss Charlotte Thompson as "Jane Eyre" was greeted by a fine house last night. The drama necessarily gives but a faint idea of the novel, as penned by Charlotte Bronte, but it embraces much that is thrilling, and presents enough to set forth the author's conception of the heroine most clearly. This conception was made real and living by Miss Thompson who entered so thoroughly into the character, that her auditors could but feel that she was actually suffering from all the heart-pangs, and was stirred by all the noble womanliness that makes the ideal character so attractive. She seemed to have the emotions of her auditors wholly at her command, and touched the heart-strings with a sad or merry strain at pleasure. This was her first appearance in this city, but it is to be hoped that it will not be her last. She now has many to sound her praise in this community, and who would gladly greet her again. Her support was very good, much better than most of the traveling combinations. Mr. James Wallace, as Lord Rochester, was especially fine, and seemed to have made a most thorough study of the strange character in which tenderness and nobility of soul were concealed by a hard-baked exterior of manner and speech. The audience seemed appreciative, and was most vigorous in bestowing well-merited applause.

## THAT SHOWING WANTED.

To the Editor.  
In your issue ten days ago, I desired the Honorable Board of Education to publish through your paper the number of pupils each suspended and expelled in the High School, and the schools of each ward during the year 1877; which request has received no response. I now make it again; and also desire that it would publish its rules for the government of the schools, and during the same time. The information I ask is certainly of interest to the public, and I hope it will be soon forthcoming. W. D. HASTINGS.

## JOHNSTOWN CENTER.

—Mr. R. T. Pember, of this village claims to have the largest colt of his age in Rock county. It is a three-year-old, and weighs over eighteen hundred pounds.  
—The Mite Society at Mr. H. Williams' last Wednesday evening was well attended. The next will be held at the residence of Lyman Richardson, Wednesday evening, January 23d.  
—Miss Alice Gifford who has been visiting friends in Milwaukee for a few weeks has returned to take her accustomed place in society.  
—Choir meeting at the residence of N. G. Goodhue, next Saturday evening. All are invited.

## EMERALD GROVE.

—Thomas Barless has gone to Hastings, Nebraska, to visit his son.  
—Geo. Beasley has sold during the year just past, produce to the amount of \$268.84, all grown on four acres of land. Where is the granger that can beat that?  
—Meetings conducted by Revs. Miller and Russell are held here every evening during the week.  
—M. M. Humphrey has just finished three new very nice cutters.  
—It takes some of our folks here two days to go to Johnston to get a load of wood.  
—Some stories are not always true, but the following came pretty straight. A butcher who lives not a thousand miles from here and drives a wagon to deliver meat to his customers, discovered one day quite recently, that his steel—an instrument for sharpening knives—was gone. After a day or two had elapsed, he found it in a neighbor's barn. Said neighbor acknowledged the deed by giving the butcher two dollars to say nothing about it. So

every one who sees this, please keep quiet.  
—Farmers are hurrying grain and hogs to market now, the roads being good to what they have been, the prices however, are very unsatisfactory.

## ORFORDVILLE.

—Mr. T. Hinzard, of this place, is still on the lookout for good hogs at the highest market price. He has been for years in the business, and is known by all to be an honest and first-class business man.  
—The social held at Mr. John Eagan's, Friday evening last, was a grand success. The house was filled to overflowing, and pleasure of various kinds was enjoyed by all.

—Miss Jessie Pepper, of this place, left on Saturday morning's train for Chicago, where she will spend some time among friends.  
—Let each man send in his two dollars and have the Gazette for one year. That is certainly cheaper than climbing over, fences and crossing fields to borrow of a neighbor.

—Rev. D. O. Sanborn, of this place is holding a series of meetings at the Plymouth church.

—The social this week will be held at the residence of Mr. S. T. Green.  
—Mr. A. F. Shopper, of Spring Valley has just returned from the North with his young wife and many valuable presents, including money and silverware. The services were performed by N. S. Griffith, of Fond du Lac. They were met on the eve of their return by a large serenading party who were invited in by Mr. Shopper. The evening was most pleasantly spent. At a fashionable hour the boys took their departure, wishing him and his wife success and happiness. A large circle of friends join in these wishes.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

## An Adjourned Meeting of the County Supervisors.

## Miscellaneous Business Done at the January Session.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK, J. J. JAMESVILLE, JAN. 15, 1878.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Baker, Carle, Crist, Con-

ley, Cobb, Decker, Foot, Felt, Gardiner, Harvey,

Harper, James, Miner, Menzies, Metcalf, Miller,

Noyes, Nowlan, Osborne, Rogers, Rotherham, Slay-

maker, Smith, Thomas, Thon, and Keeler.

Quorum present.

Journal of November 15th, 1877, read and approved.

By Mr. Carle.

Resolved, That the following sums and

for the following purposes be and

the same are hereby appropriated for the year

1878, and the County Clerk is hereby instructed

to draw orders on the Treasurer for the same in

the same manner that orders were drawn for sim-

ilar purposes, for the year 1877.

For support of poor.....\$9,000 00

For fuel, printing and stationery.....2,500 00

To Sheriff for board of prisoners.....1,600 00

For incidental expense of jail.....500 00

For Turnkey at jail.....365 00

Salaries of County Judges.....1,800 00

" " Clerk.....1,200 00

" " Treasurer.....1,000 00

" " District Attorney.....800 00

" " Supt. of schools, east dist.....500 00

" " " west ".....500 00

" " poor, Volney At-

wood.....320 00

Salaries of Supt. of poor, C. F. North.....150 00

" " Janitor.....600 00

The resolution was adopted.

Ayes 25

Noes 0

Committee on public buildings reported in fa-

vor of allowing bill No. 45 of Rogers & Hutchin-

son for painting at \$78.40

Report adopted.

Ayes 27

Noes 0

By Mr. Gardiner.

Whereas, At a recent tumult and outbreak by

the prisoners confined in the county jail of our

county, John Dunn one of the prisoners who was

at the time engaged in special service outside of

the jail, at the risk of personal danger made

earnest and commendable efforts to quell the tu-

mult and break up the riot and conspiracy and

was the first to give notice of the riot.

Resolved, That we cheerfully recommend to the

Governor of the State that he pardon the said

John Dunn of the offence for which he was com-

mitted to the county jail.

Which was adopted.

By Mr. Metcalf.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Rock County be and

he is hereby ordered to cancel free of charge all

tax certificates which the city of Janesville has

received in exchange with said county and now

holds. Provided that said city through its Com-

mon Council shall direct its Treasurer to cancel

free of charge all like certificates which Rock

County now holds in exchange with the city of

Janesville.

Which was adopted.

By Mr. Menzies from the committee on claims made

the following report:

We the undersigned members of the commit-

tee on claims having carefully examined the fol-

lowing bills respectively reported as follows:

Claimant. What for. Claimed. Allowed.

J. D. Richmond, Justice.....\$ 347 347

James H. Hoskins ".....349 349

S. O. Slosson ".....302 302

James Mow ".....613 613

B. C. Rogers ".....312 312

Jacob West ".....745 745

Ans Weaver ".....1309 1309

J. H. Balch ".....1663 1663

E. P. King ".....908 908

" ".....1613 1613

M. M. Phelps ".....1393 1393

L. F. Patten, Court Commis-

sioner.....5835 5744

Thomas Pratt, Constable.....19649 19529

Fees.....1865 1840

J. H. Taylor, Constable Fees.....585 525

" ".....4977 4977

Thomas Eddon ".....1070 1070

Charles Terwilliger Constable.....1034 1034

Fees.....312 312

Marrett Case Constable Fees.....529 529

H. A. Osgood ".....3043 3043

A. W. Parker ".....639 614

S. S. Bittins ".....1409 1409

B. F. Gifford, Dypt Sheriff.....1046 1046

M. Holbrook ".....568 568

B. F. Gifford ".....1144 1144

D. G. Marsh ".....737 737

" ".....530 430

D. McDougall ".....165 165

J. J. Comstock ".....1726 1726

S. W. Jones, medical services.....350 350

George Conant ".....300 300

J. W. Jones, surgical treat-

ment.....1000 1000

Nowlan & Wilcox, Joiner

work.....2068 2068

Britton & Kimball, lounge for

jail.....1300 1300

A. B. Edwards, boarding jurors

.....7400 7400

G. M. Banchett, revolver for

Colley.....1550 1550

Dane county, change of venue

.....7300 7300

Columbia county, ".....2200 2200

Kenyon & Knapp, material and

work on jail.....3550 3550

S. G. Colley, Sher., board of

diminution washing and dis-

charge of prisoners.....76713 76713

S. G. Colley, Sheriff, for ser-

vices.....42678 42600

New Gas Light Co., gas.....8455 8485

School Dist. No. 4 of Johnston,

tuition of pauper children.....3390 3390

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk of Circuit

Court.....37695 37695

C. F. North, city marshal.....305 305

M. H. Keating ".....1388 1388

J. F. Drake, constable.....17485 17485

J. T. Bow, justice.....218 218

E. R. Felt, committee work.....992 992

James Menzies ".....884 884

Wm. Gardner ".....332 332

Sydney Smith ".....368 368

Chas. Noyes ".....836 836

L. B. Carle ".....912 912

Dr. Gandall, medical examina-

tion.....500 500

M. P. Strong, medical examina-

tion.....500 500

J. O. Metcalf, committee work.....616 616

S. H. Allen, deputy sheriff.....3429 3429

J. B. Miller, committee work.....580 580

Total.....\$3,570 99 \$3,864 76

We have carefully examined Justice

certificates of jurors and witness fees and corrected

errors where there were any and recommend their

allowance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MENZIES

J. B. MILLER

E. K. FELT,

Committee.

Report adopted.

Ayes—25

Noes—0

The resolution of Mr. Parker in relation to an

appropriation from the county for the benefit of

the Beloit City Guards laid over from November

session, was by Mr. Smith representative of Mr

Parker withdrawn.

Mr. Metcalf from committee No. 1, made the fol-

lowing report:

The committee on illegal taxes and tax certifi-

cates to whom was referred the petition of the

executors of the estate of Charles E. Conrad, de-

ceased, respectfully report that they have exam-

ined the subject as set forth in said petition, and

also in the affidavit of Charles E. Conrad, one of

the executors of said estate attached thereto and

have considered the assessment of said estate in

the year 1876.

Your committee have had a personal interview

with A. D. Wickham and A. C. Resig and the as-

sessors who assessed said estate on 1876, and also

with the board of review of assessment of that

year who have made to your committee import-

ant statements relative to the assessment com-

plaint of which statement the said assessors and

board of review declare they are ready and